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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN NAVAL CRAFT ON ZAIRE RIVER

1. GENERAL BABIA, COORDINATOR OF ZAIRIAN GENERAL STAFF, TODAY INFORMED CZAMISH THAT FIVE ANGOLAN NAVAL CRAFT WERE OBSERVED IN UNUSUAL MANEUVER JUNE 7 PASSING WESTWARD ON THE ZAIRE RIVER NEAR BOMA. CRAFT WERE DESCRIBED AS THREE "ESCORTERS" AND TWO PATROL BOATS (EQUIVALENT TO U.S. SWIFT BOATS). CRAFT TOOK UP GROUP POSITION NEAR EASTERN TIP OF MATEBA ISLAND IN RIVER'S MAIN CHANNEL IN ANGOLAN WATERS (1257E/0656S).

2. ANGOLAN VESSELS HAVE TAKEN NO HOSTILE ACTION, ALTHOUGH GOZ IS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE WITH MERCHANT SHIPPING.

MEANWHILE, ZAIRIANS ARE AVOIDING ANY PROVOCATIVE ACTION. THEY HAVE DISPATCHED A SMALL CRAFT FROM BOMA TO INVESTIGATE CONDITION OF ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR MERCHANT SHIPPING THROUGH ZAIRIAN WATERS.
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